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TUESDAY

In Sports: That strange sport with the brooms

Our writer throws stones in a curling feature.

Calendar: TOMS Shoes founder speaks at UT

Blake Mycoskie, founder and chief shoe giver of TOMS Shoes, will speak at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center Ballroom at 6:30 p.m.

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In News: Watch as your tuition is determined

The UT System Board of Regents is meeting in Austin and will set tuition. Watch the webcast at www.utsystem.edu/BOR/meetings/webcasts.htm from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In Life&Arts: UT virgins

Hump Day explores the world of 20-something virgins in the third part of the sex profile series.

THURSDAY

In News: No taxation without representation

Stop the Cuts Coalition rally on the West Mall at 11:30 a.m.

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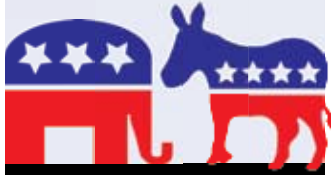
In Sports: Longhorns play at the Juice Box

Baseball heads to Minute Maid Park for the Houston College Classic.

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Vote

Vote from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Joint Primary Elections. Find your polling location at the Travis County Clerk's Web site at www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk.



Local artists sing Cactus' praises



Katherine Medlin | Daily Texan Staff

David Garza and Scrappy Jud Newcomb perform at a rally held by Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe on Friday at the West Mall.

Musicians band together to save University icon through rally on campus

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

Accompanied by a guitar, fiddle and harmonica, the words of the crowd's half-song-half-chant were loud and clear.

"Don't mess with Cactus — Cafe of Texas."

About 70 people showed up at the West Mall on Friday for a rally in support of keeping the Cactus Cafe open in its current location and form.

The midday rally was hosted by the Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe and featured

performances by Austin-based musicians and remarks by city leaders. The rally was composed primarily of alumni and community members.

Curious students, staff and faculty members weaved in and out of the rally scene, some stopping to sign a petition to keep the Cactus open. Zachary Bidner, government senior and co-founder of the Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe, said the group gathered more than 1,500 signatures as of Sunday evening.

State Rep. Elliott Naishtat, whose legislative jurisdiction includes UT, said closing

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Public discussion Friday allows students chance to voice questions, concerns

By Lena Price
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Union Board voted at the end of its Friday meeting to send three proposals concerning the Cactus Cafe's future to the Office of the Vice President for further evaluation.

The meeting was meant to provide students and community members with an opportunity to formally voice concerns and ask questions about the three proposals regarding the future direction of the cafe. The board is not a

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GLBT citizens rally against homophobia



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Jeff Butler, coach of the Shady Ladies softball team, addresses the crowd at the March Against Hate on Saturday afternoon.

Gay softball team leads Austin community in march against hate crimes, intolerance

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

Hundreds of supporters retraced the steps of two men who were allegedly attacked Feb. 20 because of their sexual orientation in the March Against Hate on Saturday.

Victims Emmanuel Winston,

a UT marketing senior, and Matt Morgan, 29, led the crowd with their GLBT-friendly softball team, the Shady Ladies, from gay bar Oilcan Harry's to Austin City Hall. The Shady Ladies, dressed in their team's baby-blue and pink jerseys, held a sign that read "Austin March Against Hate."

Chants were heard emanating from the crowd as they marched down Lavaca Street, condemning acts of hate and applauding acceptance. "Homophobia's got to go. Hey hey, hey ho," some shouted. When the Shady Ladies arrived at City Hall, supporters continued to flood Lavaca Street

as prominent community members spoke about the need for the elimination of ignorance.

Shady Ladies head coach Jim Butler spoke once the hundreds of supporters had gathered on the grounds of City Hall. Butler said the overwhelming size of the crowd was a testament to the de-

termined and supportive spirit of the Austin community.

"The time for ignorance and hate is over," he said to the applauding crowd.

Morgan and Winston retold the events leading to the Feb. 20

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Suicide plane crash ignites discussion on government

By Bobby Longoria
& Gerald Rich
Daily Texan Staff

As the smoke cleared from the building Joseph Andrew Stack struck on Feb. 18, some people around the nation called him a lunatic and a coward while others called him a revolutionary and hero.

Stack's resentment toward the Internal Revenue Service, as outlined in his suicide note, led him to allegedly set fire to his house and fly a small plane into the IRS offices located near the intersection of Mo-Pac and Research boulevards. Moments after his attack, a Facebook fan page called The Philosophy of Joe Stack was created and has garnered 2,611 fans as of press time.

According to the fan page, the

group does not agree with Stack's actions and exists solely to facilitate a discussion concerning the United States government and how it may be "broken."

El Paso resident Shawn Zachary joined the page the night of Stack's flight and created a discussion pertaining to the definition of a terrorist. Since then, discussions have been closed on the fan page, and editing by the administrator has been suspended. Information pertaining to the creator of the page is unavailable, and contact with him through another fan of the page, Canadian resident Chad Boughner, has proved unsuccessful.

"Throughout history there are events just like this one that bring

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Historical case has UT in spotlight

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert
Daily Texan Staff

When 33-year-old Heman Marion Sweatt, a black man, was denied admission to UT's all-white law school by then-UT president T.S. Painter in 1946, Sweatt sued, shaking the University's rigid hold on segregation and shocking a state still desperately clinging to the "separate but equal" system.

Sixty years ago in June, the Sweatt v. Painter case reached the U.S. Supreme Court, where the court ruled unanimously in favor of Sweatt. The case challenged the 54-year-old "separate but equal" system established by Plessy v. Ferguson and set the precedent to outlaw segregation in public schools four years



Courtesy of Hemella Sweatt Duplechan

Heman Sweatt is seen with his father James Sweatt, center, and his first wife Connie Sweatt.

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UNION: Board will gather more feedback

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decision-making body and did not recommend one proposal over any of the others.

The administration will report back to the board by April 30.

On Jan. 29 the Union announced its decision to phase out the cafe and informal class program by August.

The board read three pre-submitted proposals from Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe, the Student Events Center and business management senior Taylor Steinberg and corporate communication senior John Meller.

The proposals put forward by Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe and by Steinberg and Meller both recommend shifting the cafe's focus to better serve students while keeping it in its current form. The SEC proposal, which was written under the condition that the cafe will close, suggested repurposing the space to make it available for general student organization use.

In the two months leading up to the April meeting, Student Government President Liam O'Rourke said the board will continue gathering feedback from students and community members.

"Nothing on the table right now is complete," O'Rourke said. "We want to see what options we have as a board. Of course, all the proposals will be given equal consideration."

Due to time constraints, the audience of close to 100 people wrote down questions on cards that were read by a moderator. By the end of the meeting, 41 questions



Scott Squires | Daily Texan Staff

Raymond Schiflett, moderator for Friday's meeting to review proposals that would potentially save the Cactus Cafe, reads audience members' questions before presenting them to the Union Board.

had been read and a stack of about 20 was left over. The questions not addressed during the meeting were recorded in the minutes.

Only questions pertaining directly to the proposals were answered, although many people submitted questions about the general circumstances that led to the decision to close the cafe.

Government senior Zachary Bidner, member of the student group, said it was apparent from some of the comments that people still don't have enough information about the cafe's closure. Bidner said he wanted to see more discussion sections in the future with fewer restrictions on what can be asked.

"I also would have liked to have seen more gap analysis comparing the three plans," he said. "There wasn't really any of that."

Although the discussion was dominated by talk of the cafe, a small group of informal class instructors hung signs in the back of the room protesting the phasing out of informal classes.

Florence Hite, who has been teaching belly dancing through the informal class program for more than 20 years, said she was disappointed by the lack of support behind informal classes.

"The Cactus has a lot of high-powered people behind it," Hite said. "Lawyers, student organizations. The informal class supporters are so wide and varied, we don't have nearly as much pull."

Hite said she is confident that people who teach and attend informal classes should be able to organize in time to stop the phasing out of the program.

FLIGHT: Attack spurs some to air grievances

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people together for a cause," Zachary said. "Just because what he did may be an ugly thing, it does

not mean that it has to have ugly results. I am not calling for a revolution or war. I just have sympathy for him."

Sociologists and psychologists have analyzed the motives behind Stack's suicide attack and whether people may be inspired to take similar measures as a result of Stack's actions.

Arthur Markman, UT professor in the psychology department, said the ongoing political debates about the war against terror, insurance and health care have dissociated the public and left them confused as to who actually has control over the system.

"The economy is tough, and I think a lot of people don't feel a lot of control over their own position in society," Markman said. "There are people who are responding to a loss of control and a lack of faith. ... People don't have any idea how their life works. Their response is, 'Let me figure out how to do this by myself.'"

Dana L. Cloud, an associate professor of communication studies called Stack "the canary in the coal mine."

"He was not crazy politically, but he was disillusioned to try and encourage others. People feel demoralized right now because of the economy, and they identify with his problems," Cloud said. "People need to be able to aid their grievances in the public sphere and engage in social movements, encounter other people's opinions — give the man a soapbox before he gets a plane."

Samantha Bell, Stack's adult daughter, said during an interview with "Good Morning America" on Feb. 22 that she did not agree with her father's actions, but she regarded him as a hero. Later that day, she retracted her statement and said the only hero in the attack was IRS employee and Vietnam War veteran Vernon Hunter, who was the only person killed in the attack.

CAFE: Nonprofit group fundraises to save venue

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the cafe would hurt the relationship between the University and the Austin community.

"There needs to be a nexus, [a] symbiotic relationship between the two groups," Naishtat said. "We all need to work together to make this happen."

Naishtat did not specifically endorse any of the proposals that have been put forth regarding the cafe, but he said he would work as a moderator between the Austin community and UT students and administration in the process.

Reid Nelson, a UT alumnus and Austin attorney, started a nonprofit group called Friends of the Cactus Cafe in early February. The group is raising funds to subsidize the \$66,000 in losses the Union Board said the cafe will incur as long as it remains in its current form and location. The group raised more than \$12,000 in its first week, nearly doubling its goal. Nelson said the group received donations from several states and countries, including California, Florida, New York, England and France.

Nelson said the cafe should be able to operate like Texas Performing Arts, which is a UT-affiliated group that depends heavily on private donations and ticket sales to operate. He said the cafe, like the group, could focus on developing student talent while providing a venue for alumni, community members and students alike.

"Why should one branch of arts be able to operate this way and [the Cactus Cafe] can't?" Nelson said. "We're hoping to host student internship programs so that we can have the next Lyle Lovett or Robert Earl Keen."

Facing a recurring 2-percent University-wide budget cut, the Texas Union Board decided Jan. 29 to repurpose the 31-year-old cafe and to phase out the informal classes program by August. E-mails obtained through the Texas Public Information Act revealed Andy Smith, director of University Unions, had made the decision to close the cafe long before the board meeting and the announcement. All decisions made by the Union management have to go through the president's office for final approval.

At the rally, local musicians tailored their lyrics to fit the atmosphere. Bill Oliver, who has spent the past 20 years singing about environmental conservation, partnered with fiddle-maestro Richard Bowden to take a stand against the closure in a typical folk-music manner. "31 years of Cactus Cafe," Oliver sang, "and it ain't going to be treated this way."

Despite a subpar sound system on the West Mall steps, musicians, including longtime Cactus Cafe performer David Garza, played on.

"We don't really care if everyone can hear us or not," Garza said. "We're just playing for the sake of playing."

MARCH: Speakers denounce hate crimes, consider extra security

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attack and thanked the community for all the support they received. They both spoke of how the struggle for equality is not over, and they are willing to fight.

"Hate will not be tolerated, and we will not be silenced," Winston said.

Winston's mother, Eloisa Winston, and his two younger sisters joined the pre-march gathering at Oilcan Harry's and participated in the walk. Eloisa Winston said she was still very emotional from the incident and subsequent changes in her son's life, but she is proud of him.

Glen Maxey, the first openly gay member of the Texas Legislature, said in an interview with The Daily Texan that while homophobia

ran rampant 20 years ago, he was shocked this kind of attack happened in 2010.

"This is supposed to be behind us," Maxey said.

He said part of the struggle toward bringing offenders like the four men who attacked Morgan and Winston to justice is getting law enforcement to understand what a hate crime is and how to deal with the victims. He said outpourings like Saturday's march and rally bring necessary awareness to the issue.

Many city officials and community members who spoke outside City Hall following the march addressed the issue of increased security measures downtown, including the implementation of security cameras.

Austin Police Department Chief Art Acevedo said it is time for Austin to invest in high-definition security cameras for the downtown area to deter potential criminals. APD released a five-second grainy surveillance video showing the suspects in the Feb. 20 attack. The low-resolution of the recording provided only a generic description.

"We need the technology to bring these people to justice," Acevedo said.

Councilman Mike Martinez said cameras will help bring people to justice, but they alone will not end crime.

"A camera can only take a picture of ignorance," Martinez said. "It's not going to cure it."

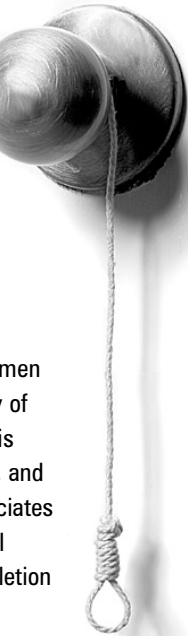
The biggest obstacle to installing cameras downtown is funding, Martinez said in an interview with The Daily Texan. He said the city has applied for federal funds in the past and has been rejected, but he hopes this incident will spotlight the need for such technology.

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Iraqi prime minister defends decision to ban candidates



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Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is seen during an interview with The Associated Press on Feb. 28.

By Rebecca Santana
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister Sunday defended a ban of candidates with alleged ties to Saddam Hussein's former regime, calling it a legitimate decision that would not affect Sunni turnout at the polls.

In an interview with The Associated Press just a week before March 7 elections, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki also said he did not see any need at this point for U.S. forces to stay in the country past their planned 2011 departure date.

Al-Maliki, who came to power in 2006 as a compromise candidate, has overseen a return to relative stability since the height of the insurgency, but is facing stiff competition in his bid for another four-year term.

The decision to bar hundreds of candidates from the election, including two prominent Sunni lawmakers, for alleged ties to Saddam's ruling party has dominated Iraq's political debate for

weeks and reflects the deep sectarian differences that still divide the country.

"This will never affect the turnout of the Sunnis in the elections. The decision was taken because some of these people were blatantly propagating Baath party ideas, and there is information that some of them are involved in actions that serve the Baath party," al-Maliki said.

Many in the country's Sunni minority, which dominated the Baath Party leadership, were outraged by the decision, which they felt unjustly targeted Sunni political figures in an attempt to politically sideline them. A sectarian breakdown of the list, which includes Shiites as well, has never been released.

The murky process — about which little information was disclosed — raised questions about whether Sunnis would feel disillusioned by the vote and stay away from the polls. At one point, a prominent Sunni politician on the list even pulled his party from

the race, and urged others Sunni parties to withdraw as well, raising fears of a Sunni boycott. That decision has since been rescinded.

In discussing the ban, al-Maliki appeared to distance himself from the two men who initiated the process — Shiite politicians Ali al-Lami and Ahmed Chalabi. Both are running in the election, raising questions about why they were being allowed to sideline their competition.

As the heads of the Accountability and Justice Committee that vetted candidates for ties to the former regime, al-Lami and Chalabi shocked the Iraqi political system when they announced a blacklist containing hundreds of names.

The winner of next Sunday's vote will preside over a drawdown of U.S. forces that will see all combat troops leave Iraq by the end of August and all American forces go home by 2011. No one political party or alliance is expected to win an outright majority in the upcoming election.

Los Angeles closes library branches after spending millions on books

By Michael R. Blood
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For two decades, Los Angeles built libraries with a vigor rarely seen in the nation, spending \$335 million to get books and computers within the reach of those who might not otherwise have them.

Now, it's getting harder to get inside the buildings.

A hobbled economy has left the nation's second-largest city starved for cash, and 72 library branches now are closed Friday mornings to save money. More than 1,000 people work at the libraries, but layoffs and retirements could slash the staff by 20 percent or more by June. Hours will be cut again.

A new era of austerity has arrived grimly in Los Angeles, where Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is warning the city must do more with less. The library hours only begin to tell the story. As many as 4,000 layoffs are planned, which would translate into more gaping potholes, neglected parks and streets lined with overgrown trees.

Its zoo and convention center could end up being run by private operators. The mayor is de-

termined to protect his biggest success, a bulked-up police force, but even officers are being asked along with other city workers to consider pay cuts as deep as 15 percent.

At the city's newest library in the trendy Silver Lake neighborhood, where the stacks are illuminated by skylights, Leon Moore grimaced at the thought of locked doors.

"You go where the books are, the books don't come to you," lamented Moore, 65, a history buff who borrows regularly from the library's DVD collection. When it comes to budget cuts, libraries should "be the last resort."

Governments across the nation are strapped for cash after a national recession and its wake. But City Hall in Los Angeles is also paying for its decision to hire workers during economic good times while failing to recognize those days could end.

"Now we have a work force we can't maintain," City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana said.

The city is facing budget gaps of \$700 million over 16 months, but the problems will linger for at least several years. By 2013, a \$1 billion gap is projected as ex-

penses outpace the money coming into the city treasury.

Los Angeles' credit rating has taken a hit, meaning it will cost more to borrow money. Collections of sales taxes are expected to dip more than 10 percent this year as consumers cut back on spending.

"Unlike the federal government, the city can't print money to prime the pump," said Tracy Westen of the Center for Governmental Studies, a Los Angeles-based research group, referring to Washington's vast stimulus spending.

Santana said 4,000 layoffs endorsed by the City Council and backed by the mayor would save \$300 million in the fiscal year that starts July 1, not enough to close the gap.

If completed, the layoffs would cut the work force paid from the city's general fund by 16 percent. Overall, Los Angeles has 46,000 workers, but 21,000 are paid from separate sources, such as at the Department of Water and Power, which collects utility rates.

While economists believe the national recession is over, no one is predicting a quick recovery in Los Angeles.



Nick Ut | Associated Press

Library patron Suzanne Zeimis picks out a book at the Silver Lake area branch library in Los Angeles.

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By Lauren Winchester
Editor Candidate

The University of Texas is a renowned institution, and The Daily Texan is the most luminous example of the University's excellence. As a student-run paper with one of the largest circulations in the nation and a long list of journalism accolades, the Texan has a distinguished reputation. As editor, I will uphold the paper's quality and journalistic integrity.

Though the Texan undoubtedly ranks among the best college papers, I will work to make it even more outstanding. As the journalism industry shifts to an increasingly digitized model, the Texan needs to shift with it, maintaining a Web site that will make the paper even more accessible and multimedia-friendly — all while preserving the quality of the print edition.

My plans for the Web site include an editor's blog where the editorial board would comment on the day's news with pithy, informative posts, and I will create an editorial Twitter to promote upcoming editorials and columns.

I would also like to conduct more video podcasts with student leaders and administrators because the multimedia element allows students to see a debate unfold in a way that is difficult to capture in print. Furthermore, I will work to add more photo galleries to the Web site. Photographs can tell a compelling and vivid story all their own, and photographers would be able to post streams of pictures that did not end up in print.

As editor, I will also work to increase interaction between students and the Texan by attending major University-wide meetings that direct-

ly affect the student body and by holding regular meetings with student leaders to build a sense of trust. I will also make it a policy to meet with any student who has ideas about how to improve the Texan or concerns about how we cover an issue.

I believe the opinion page should be the place where students react to what happens on campus as well as an open forum for discussion of the University's most relevant issues.

Productive debate means engaging a spectrum of viewpoints. I want to publish well-informed, articulate discussion of the issues — from any side. I will keep the paper's coverage University-centric; students read the Texan for University news, as does President William Powers Jr.

My experience at The Daily Texan has prepared me for the job of editor. I have worked on staff every semester since my freshman year, beginning as a general reporter in the news department. My positions as senior reporter, associate news editor and news editor have sharpened my sense of what is newsworthy and relevant, as well as provided insight to university issues. As associate editor, I worked to form my news judgment and knowledge into persuasive editorials.

Outside the Texan office, I have developed substantial writing and analytical skills as a member of the Liberal Arts Honors Program and the English Honors Program. I have also held summer internships at the Houston Chronicle and Doublethink magazine in Washington, D.C., which allowed me to develop my journalism skills in a professional setting. As editor, I will use my experience and knowledge to help The Daily Texan reach its full potential.

Winchester is an English and liberal arts honors junior.

The Texan needs to get out of the basement

By Bobby Cervantes
Editor Candidate

I want to be editor of The Daily Texan because as a university, a newspaper and a student body, we are facing some of the most difficult and complex issues we have faced in some time.

For the Texan, this is nothing new. For more than a century, the Texan has been a student platform in every sense of the phrase. Some student fees support the Texan, and its staff is composed of students who write, edit and design into the dark of night. But above all, the Texan is you. It strives every day, some days with better outcomes than others, to report on student life at UT — your life — and the various administrative entities that affect it.

Given that the bulk of the Texan editorship concerns the management of the opinion page, I will focus my term on making the newspaper's opinion page the most relevant and necessary piece of daily information for UT students, faculty and administrators alike. To that end, some changes are in order.

First, our readers must know that there is an editorial board that strives every day to pen commanding editorials that will shape discussion — from students' conversations on the West Mall to the highest rungs of the UT System. The editorial board, which is composed of the editor and his or her associate editors, must be more representative of the student body and more willing to reach out for student opinion.

It is not nearly enough for us to solicit reporters, columnists and Firing Lines in the pages of the Texan and hope that some readers respond. Instead, our staff must be front and center when trying to recruit new writers. Whether it means regularly tabling on the West Mall or attending student organizations' meetings year-round, it is imperative that the Texan staff get out of the basement as often as possible to pursue the most pressing issues of our main constituency — the UT student body.

Second, the editorial board should speak with one voice. Any given day, it is common practice to have one person write an editorial to which the entire board's name is signed, even when some board members may not have been present to read it.

Since the Texan is larger than any one person, I would end this practice and instead use unsigned editorials that broadcast the view of the Texan as an institution. That unification, however, must be

the product of robust deliberation.

To that end, I would convene public editorial board meetings where we can regularly debate which of the day's pressing issues most immediately warrant the Texan's comment. I would also use the editor's office to bring important constituencies into the Texan office — be they local or state government officials, SG representatives, student organizations' leaders or individual students — to discuss issues important to them. In the end, it is my hope that a new, more constructive editorial method emerges.

Third, I would like to see some more continuity on the opinion page. During my time as associate editor, I have attempted to write editorials that concerned the same overarching topics. I would begin the process of running editorial series that examine specific and chronic UT issues in the long-term, bringing context to the fore. Take as examples the efforts to bring domestic partnership benefits to UT or to realize gender equity in faculty compensation. While both of these issues are long-term struggles we are far from overcoming, much of what ails the University is best understood through a constant flow of contextual information.

Also, for the first time in a long time, the Texan will soon own and operate its own Web site, which is set to launch later this month. It will undoubtedly open a new chapter in the Texan's history, presenting the next editor with a crucial opportunity to expand our outreach and influence with more interactive features and better avenues for reader feedback.

Of course, the editor's job is more than the opinion page. It is also to lead the Texan in an overall direction, to get you excited about what is printed in the paper every day and, most importantly, to welcome your valid criticisms. I will work to ensure, first and foremost, that students always have the editorship's ear and that the newspaper will remain the most powerful instrument at students' disposal in their time at UT.

Finally, with these ideas in mind, I am also running for editor to continue the fulfilling experience the Texan has already provided me. A government and journalism junior, I started working at the Texan during the fall 2008 semester as a general news reporter. In the spring 2009 semester, I became a columnist and have remained in the opinion department ever since, including in my current position as associate editor.

Cervantes is a government and journalism junior.

GALLERY



THE FIRING LINE

To reform education, start at the root

Columnist Calvin Sloan missed the mark in his Friday column, "Texas education needs reform," on the education system. If he really wants to express the need for reform, he should dig deeper into the curriculum taught in earlier grades.

I taught in a local high school and believe firmly that what handicaps students the most is not an imbalanced text, but rather it is that they are never taught how to think rationally.

By the time students get to high school, they should have a background in mathematics logic, rhetoric and reasoning that allows them to analyze theories and statements to determine their validity and applicability without relying on a textbook.

But math and language are no longer taught properly in the early grades. What they get is a watered-down, feel-good curriculum that doesn't challenge them to think with discipline.

They aren't accountable for memorizing essential facts (grammar, arithmetic) for more efficient recall. They don't read literature that models intellectual thought. They are given the impression that learning should always be entertaining and should require no effort on their part.

If it doesn't come naturally, the teacher is just not working hard enough at being "engaging." "Rigor," as the word is used in education, has nothing to do with difficulty, but is defined as how consistently the teacher checks for

understanding before moving on to new material.

By the time they get to high school, many students still rely on their fingers for basic addition and subtraction.

They also don't have the language skills to interpret basic word problems. So much focus gets drawn to the evolution debate that it takes focus away from what is really wrong with the system.

No textbook or curriculum can alter history or scientific fact. It can, however, destroy the foundation required to understand these higher disciplines.

— P. Williams

What about informal classes?

Did you know that in terms of endowments, according to The New York Times, UT is the fifth-wealthiest university in the country?

Did you know that providing excellence in public service is one of the four stated missions of the University of Texas?

Yet the Texas Union is ending informal classes because it says it can't afford to keep the program. The University seems pretty happy to accept the money of Austinites at sports events, concerts, plays and even the food franchises in the Texas Union, yet it is no longer willing to spend a penny for an educational program that serves the community as well as students.

What's wrong with this picture?

— Mary Lou Price
UT staff

Azemi, Stein have proven themselves

While columnist Joshua Avelar is correct in asserting that this election needs strong leadership in his Friday column, "Anybody but Azemi," he creates a double standard in proclaiming that candidates Minator Azemi and Justin Stein's "insider" status, a label apparently given to anyone involved in Student Government, should keep them from serving.

In reality, looking at the candidates' track records shows that what truly differentiates Azemi and Stein from Scott Parks and Muneezeh Kabir are their accomplishments and endeavors on behalf of students.

Having run with both Stein and Parks on the EMPOWER ticket, a campaign Azemi helped craft, I am firmly endorsing Azemi and Stein. As a freshman, Stein was a stand-out representative, leading the charge behind major resolutions and was fittingly named Representative of the Year.

This past election, Azemi and Stein were both elected as University-wide representatives, and The Daily Texan endorsed Azemi, saying, "[He] has proven himself a competent steward. His fluid and reliable dispersal of SG memorandums to interested parties speaks of his dedication to making SG transparent. Azemi's level-headed demeanor and experience with the organization make him an attractive candidate."

This statement remains true. Parks, a member of Tejas with current SG President Liam O'Rourke, helped run last year's campaign, serving on this year's executive board.

It is a critical time for new leadership

on campus — experience is not only important, but necessary. While Parks and Kabir are both fantastic people who have involved themselves throughout campus, I have seen what Azemi and Stein have accomplished on students' behalf.

Azemi's hands-on experience for years with the Texas Legislature is something that students need. Stein is the only vice presidential candidate who has served in the assembly and, if elected, would draw on his two years of experience to effectively chair the meetings.

There is a real difference between attending meetings and serving as a representative.

Students deserve qualified leaders who recognize the need to continue improving the transparency of SG in addition to representing the real needs of the students. Azemi and Stein are those leaders.

— Rachel Meyerson
Plan II and psychology senior

A reminder that violence and intolerance endure

While Austin is generally viewed as a progressive city, the assault on two gay men, one a University of Texas student, on Feb. 20 in the Warehouse District serves as a chilling reminder that hate crimes and bias still exist in our community. It is alarming that in this day and age such incidents occur. While this event did not happen on the UT campus, because it involved a student who is a valued member of the University family,

we believe we must speak out against the violence they endured.

Incidents of bias and violence against people within the LGBTQ community have long been ignored, and as the division concerned with making campus more inclusive, we believe we cannot let this incident slip by without acknowledging that such incidents cannot be tolerated. Issues that affect the greater Austin community also affect campus, and vice versa.

While we cannot guarantee our students' safety at all times, we want all of our students — regardless of their affiliation, ethnicity or background — to feel safe both on and off campus. The right to freedom from violence, intimidation and harassment is not a special right accorded to only some in the Austin and UT communities — but a right for every one of us.

LGBTQ students often feel they cannot speak out about such incidents or about their lack of acceptance by others. As a result, the DDCE's Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) and Multicultural Information Center (MIC) work to educate the university community about issues facing LGBTQ students and provide safe places on campus where students can meet and discuss challenges. To learn more about services and programs offered, visit the GSC and MIC Web sites.

— Dr. Gregory J. Vincent, vice president for diversity and community engagement at UT

— Ixchel Rosal, director, UT Gender and Sexuality Center

— Choquette Hamilton, director, UT Multicultural Information Center

Austinites clown around at 17th annual Jugglefest



Aaron Friend watches professional performer Jules McEvoy preparing to juggle with six balls at the Jugglefest workshop Friday evening.

Performers seek to inspire others to learn new tricks

By Destinee Hodge
Daily Texan Staff

Jugglers from across the nation slid, twisted, tossed and even rolled their way into the hearts of hundreds of people Saturday.

The 17th annual Jugglefest took place at the Davis Auditorium at the Texas School for the Deaf. The free public show featured not only jugglers but also people with a variety of other skills.

"My motivation, which is a common one for jugglers, is simply to inspire others to try to learn something," said David Nayer, who has juggled for almost 35 years and is a coach for the Texas Juggling Society. "I look at juggling as the passion for learning something you can't [already] do."

The society created the event almost 30 years ago and has been organizing it ever since. It also holds

weekly practice sessions on the UT campus.

The event showcased a wide range of talented professionals — from Jennifer Slaw, who mixes dancing with juggling, to the "Smirk!" duo, who performed unicycle-juggling tricks.

Even amateur local performers were given a chance to demonstrate their abilities.

"It's something that I've always loved to do," said Jesse Castro, an Austin Jewish Academy elementary teacher who made his juggling debut at the show. "It's exercise, it's fun, it's meditation, it's creative. You can just be physical."

The audience was treated to almost three hours of unique performances, including sword swallowing, unicycling and yo-yo tricks.

"[I liked] everything," audience member Edgar Bartolo said after

the show. "Their commitment to what they do [is great]. They're really good at what they're doing."

Among the many professional performers was local act "Flourish and Fool," consisting of Kelsey Strauch and Jules McEvoy-Schaefer, who have been working together for two and a half years.

"I like surprising the audience," McEvoy-Schaefer said. "And just the energy that's exchanged between a performer and the audience — it's a mutual thing instead of just the performer yelling at the audience and the audience applauding."

The event was funded by a number of sponsors, including the Cultural Arts Division of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office and the University Co-op.

Project 2010 participants clean up local community

By Julie Bissinger
Daily Texan Staff

Austin community leaders, along with more than 1,200 UT students, gathered outside the Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center to take part in Project 2010 on Saturday.

The all-day event had volunteers participate in beautification projects in a community that could benefit from a large volunteer project, said communication studies junior Lisa Doan, volunteer management chair of the Student Volunteer Board, an organization sponsored by the UT Volunteer and Service Learning Center.

Volunteers planted trees, repainted signs, picked up trash and cleaned creeks throughout the St. John neighborhood and area schools, including J.J. Pickle Elementary, Webb Middle School and Reagan High School.

Local community leaders spoke at a ceremony that honored the project during an afternoon break between volunteer shift changes.

"We are making the value of the University in the Austin community noticeable today," Mayor Lee Leffingwell said. "The future of Austin is up to all of us working together."

Travis County Commission-

er Ron Davis, Councilwoman Sheryl Cole, Austin Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett and Student Government President Liam O'Rourke also spoke at the ceremony.

"When you volunteer your

"The future of Austin is up to all of us working together."

— **Lee Leffingwell**
Mayor

services, you are going to achieve success," Davis said. "There is no greater service than to serve others."

The recreation center, which is attached to the elementary school, held a community fair for St. John's residents while the ceremony was going on.

The fair was organized to stress the importance of health and education, Doan said.

"Reagan and Webb are on the verge of closing down because of low test scores," she said. "We want to motivate these students to do better in

school."

The fair featured arts and crafts, free haircuts and a station for children to build birdhouses.

Project 2010 began in 1999 and was originally called Project 1,000, with a goal of registering at least 1,000 volunteers, said Marianne Nitsch, finance senior and president of the Student Volunteer Board.

"We changed the name to Project 2000 in 2000 and continued the tradition of naming it after the year," Nitsch said.

The location of each project was determined after talking with the Austin Police Department and community leaders about areas that show a strong economic and social need for this type of project, Nitsch said.

Among the sea of volunteers wearing white Project 2010 T-shirts, Victoria Nunez and the rest of her volunteer and service sorority waited for their shifts to start.

This is the second year that Chi Beta Delta participated in the project, said Nunez, sorority CEO and nutritional sciences senior.

"We like that this project is part of UT, and we like representing ourselves at these types of events," Nunez said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

College enlists parents' aid to curb underage drinking

At Virginia Tech, where tailgating and raucous apartment-complex parties are time-honored rituals, university officials are turning increasingly to Mom and Dad to curb problem underage drinking.

This semester, the school began notifying parents when their under-21 students are found guilty of even minor alcohol violations,

such as getting caught with a beer in a dorm room.

Although it's common for colleges to alert parents of major alcohol offenses, Virginia Tech is part of a growing number of colleges sending letters home on minor ones.

Officials want to hold young adults accountable as they venture out on their own, are well aware that drinking is part of the college experience and also recognize potential allies in a generation of hands-on parents.

"I think it helps students open up to parents," said Steven

Clarke, director of Virginia Tech's College Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center. "And parents can be helpful in setting boundaries students might need."

Student reaction to the change has been less than enthusiastic.

"If you have one beer in the dorm and you get caught, I don't feel like parents should be notified," said junior engineering major Erik Pryslak. "Now that we're all in college, we're all adults. It's kind of your responsibility to take care of yourself."

— *The Associated Press*

GET OUT & VOTE

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Refreshments will be served.



TANYA ASSAR

I am currently an advertising major at The University of Texas at Austin pursuing the Texas Media sequence. I am interested in serving on the Texas Student Media Board of Directors because I would like to be a part of such an important part of the University. The Daily Texan, The Texas Travesty, Cactus Yearbook, KVRX and Texas Student TV have been integrated into campus lifestyle and help shape the future of the university. As a Texas Media student, I want to delve into the process of overseeing media issues such as the budgeting for five different vehicles, daily issues that may arise and helping make decisions for various student leaders as a student representative. Also, I hope to learn the ins and outs of successfully managing and running a large organization and adroitly handling and resolving conflicts or problems that may occur.

I was a part of Student Government my freshman year and therefore have been highly involved in making student decisions on a large scale in the past. I have attended Student Government meetings and observed the detailed processes of working with student managers to make key decisions that benefit the majority of the campus. Therefore, I am experienced in seeking out what is best for UT students.

As a member of the board of directors, I will ensure that I represent the student voice fairly and with keen judgment. I hope to gain valuable experience on how different media vehicles run and their adaptation through a changing economy, marketplace and a more technologically savvy society.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to such a prestigious position.



GEORGIA DEALEY

I have become increasingly passionate about the role media plays and the power it has in our world as we continue to globalize and turn foreigners into virtual next-door neighbors. As a tech-savvy member of generation Y, it is up to me and my peers to shape the future of journalism, communication and networking. With this weight on my shoulders and my future, I seek to accumulate knowledge through a variety of venues and experiences that take me beyond the classroom.

The only certainty in the way ahead is the inevitability of its difference from the past. The TSM Board creates a unique fusion of fresh young minds and experienced professionals who, through their union, can forecast the way ahead. I believe I have a lot to offer to this group as an insightful and analytical thinker who is intimately involved at the communications school. With the vast majority of my advertising classes completed, a former participant in the Texas Creative and now a student in Texas Media, I feel like I am well-acquainted with a large number of communications students in various grades and their issues and concerns. I feel as if I can give a voice to these students and accurately represent their interests.

I do not like to simply be a part of organizations but instead seek to be an active participant. As a second-semester junior, it has become important to me to give back to the school that has set me up for real-world success. I love understanding how things work and the little details that fall into place to create the big picture. Being intimately involved in these discussions and debates intrigues me, as I love decision-making and problem-solving processes. I want to work to create the most effective, cost beneficial and useful student media program that adds real value to its target while also attracting public acclaim and notoriety. I believe these goals can be met through the pursuit of strong communication between students, faculty and professionals who bring their diverse perspectives to the table while staying committed to the same goals.



ANNIE KREIGHBAUM

After interning for an online fashion publication and a luxury lifestyle magazine in Austin, I am seeking to further my experience in the world of media. I aspire to learn from the best, which is why I am seeking a position on the TSM Board.

As a new member, I would treat each meeting and task as a learning experience while also maintaining the necessary leadership skills that being an elected member of the board requires. By this, I mean that I will thoroughly consider and try to understand every side of an issue both to add to my knowledge of the different forms of media around campus and to make an educated decision when it comes time to vote.

I have learned about maintaining ethics in real-world situations in my Business Foundations courses, which served to bolster my personal view of ethical behavior that I have developed since working my first job at the age of 16. I would work to parlay these ethics into each decision-making situation on the board.

I am very enthusiastic at the prospect of membership in the TSM Board and hope that my experience and eagerness to learn will be used to the board's advantage next year.



LINDSEY POWERS

I am writing to express my interest in running for the At Large Place 4 position on the TSM Board of Operating Trustees. With my history of dedication to the mission of Texas Student Media, my related experience and my awareness of mass media issues, I feel that I would be an asset to the board.

I have a great interest in mass media and keep abreast of the rapid changes occurring in the industry. Currently, I am enrolled in a class on mass media law that addresses these issues from a legal perspective but also provides great insight into non-legal concerns. Student media is well-situated to adapt to change in that college students are always innovative and trend-savvy. However, TSM also has its own challenges because of its unique role in the community and existence within the UT establishment. TSM continues to address many of these issues while maintaining the quality of content for which it is recognized. My experiences give me a strong voice on addressing future challenges.

During my undergraduate career, I spent four years at KVRX, including more than two years in staff roles of increasing responsibility. As a staff member, I provided a great deal of input in discussions on station policy, addressing changes to be made in order to ensure legal compliance and staying current while providing a service to the community. In 2005, I attended the College Media Advisers conference with the group representing KVRX. In addition, I was part of a successful informal initiative to strengthen relationships between KVRX and other TSM outlets. This cooperation led to more joint projects between KVRX and other student media. In addition to my TSM experience, I also interned in the marketing department of The Austin Chronicle, learning about print media and about successful media strategies in the Austin market.

Thanks to many years as a consumer of TSM's output and my own involvement in student media, I can see both the strengths and the opportunities for improvement in TSM entities separately and as a whole. As a graduate/law student, I can provide a unique perspective. I would be proud to represent students at large as a member of the TSM Board.


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RIGHTS: Law student refused to give up search for equality

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later in Brown v. Board of Education.

At the center of four years of court rulings, media attention, and death threats was Sweatt, a bespectacled post office worker from Houston with a calm disposition and iron resolve.

Sweatt's grandnephew, Heman Marion Sweatt, described the uncle who shares his name as a quiet man who was slow to anger.

"He was a very calm and laid-back person," Heman said. "He was always in deep thought."

With the support of the NAACP, Sweatt applied to the UT School of Law in 1946. The registrar, with Painter's approval, declined Sweatt's transcript and refused to register him on the grounds that the Texas Constitution prohibited integration. Sweatt brought his case to Texas trial court, where Judge Roy C. Archer ruled Texas needed to establish a law school for blacks equivalent to the UT School of Law within six months.

Texas Southern University was established in Houston in 1947 as a separate facility for black law students, but Sweatt stood resolute in his desire to attend UT. He wrote a letter titled, "Why I want to attend the University of Texas," which appeared in the September 1947 issue of the former UT student magazine Texas Ranger.

"[UT] is the best law school in Texas, and the only one that can offer me equal training to that available for other students," Sweatt wrote in the letter. "Please remember that I asked for education — not Negro education. And facts will unquestionably demonstrate a vast difference between the two."

The case moved up to the Court of Civil Appeals, where it was ruled that Sweatt "possessed every essential qualification for admission" and was denied on race alone. The case eventually went to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1950, where Sweatt's legal team — led



Courtesy of Hemella Sweatt Duplechan

Heman Marion Sweatt

by Thurgood Marshall — successfully argued that the new black law school was not equal to UT's.

The black law school had fewer professors, books and resources, said Elizabeth Haluska-Rausch, archivist for UT's Tarlton Law Library. Haluska-Rausch said photographs of the two schools provided evidence in trial about the painfully obvious inequality.

"The separate law schools simply weren't of the same caliber," Haluska-Rausch said. "This was such an important case because it happened here, and it brought attention to a serious problem. It really opened the door for African-Americans."

The years Sweatt spent in limbo brought heavy blows to his personal life. He lost friends, and his first wife divorced him. Death threats, health problems and bribes to drop the case became everyday issues, his grandnephew Heman said.

"[My uncle] told me he was at a meeting at Driskill Hotel, and there was \$27,000 cash just sitting on the table for him," he said. "In [the] late '40s, that's a lot of money. He never took the bribes though."

After winning the lawsuit and enrolling at UT, Sweatt faced both hostility and kindness in the classroom.

"Sometimes he would go to class that there would be screens around his desk, or other times they would put his desk outside in the hallway," Heman said. "Some of his classmates were friendly, though, and tried to look out for his well-being."

Illness eventually forced Sweatt to drop out of school. After leaving the University, he was employed by the NAACP before later becoming the secretary for the National Urban League.

Sweatt died in 1982 when he was 69 years old.

Each year UT's Division of Diversity and Community Engagement holds the Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, which looks at the impact of the Sweatt decision on school diversity. The astronomy and science building just northeast of the UT Tower is named after Sweatt.

In 1970, a UT chapter of the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society was founded. Members of the society promote law school diversity, success for black law students and political awareness.

"[Sweatt] forced the courts to look at a problem, and he became the unsung hero of the era," said law student William McDonald, treasurer of the society.

Plans for 'bicycle boulevard' halted by citizen opposition

Business owners fear lack of traffic will cause decrease in customers

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Resistance from Nueces Street property and business owners caused the city to delay designing a formal plan for a bicycle boulevard until March 25.

Business owners and bicycle enthusiasts met at the last of three public input meetings on Wednesday to discuss plans for the bike-friendly implementations. Although cars would be allowed to drive on the bicycle boulevard, the road would have signs diverting traffic to make it more conducive to bicycling.

The bike boulevard is a key part of increasing Austin bike mobility and would benefit UT students who commute to campus from South Austin, said Tom Wald, executive director of the League of Bicycling Voters.

"There's more and more density [in Austin], and that's going to be a limiting factor for economic viability if we can't bring more people in and out of downtown," Wald said. "To create more car mobility would be prohibitively expensive. That's the reasoning for increasing bike mobility and mass transit mobility."

Mandatory traffic detours and signs that say "No Left Turn Ex-

cept Bikes" have been proposed by the League of Bicycling Voters, though the city is still working on a formal plan. The proposed boulevard would run along Nueces Street from Third Street to Guadalupe Street and connect to the Lance Armstrong Bikeway, which runs through downtown. Nueces Street was recognized as a bike boulevard by city ordinance on June 11.

Before receiving vocal opposition to the plan, the bike boulevard was supposed to be completed in May, Wald said.

Austinites for Downtown Mobility, an organization set up by businesses and property owners on Nueces Street, represents concerned businesses and stakeholders who oppose the plan because it may damage traffic-driven business, property resale values and livelihoods that depend on high-volume car traffic.

"Neither the [League of Bicycle Voters] nor the city contacted the stakeholders during any of [the bike boulevard planning], and I have not spoken to them at all," said Monica Thomason, spokeswoman for Austinites for Downtown Mobility. "The stakeholders were notified in December that this was happening."

According to a traffic report conducted by HDR Engineering & Consulting, traffic diverters and pinch points will not sig-

nificantly affect the flow of traffic. The study cites other studies' evaluations of bike boulevards around the country, but each of those studies looked at residential areas, not commercial areas.

"The truth is a bicycle boulevard, to the degree that they're doing, has not been done in a 100-percent commercial area in the United States, ever," said Trey Bueché, owner of Bat City Awards, a service and retail business located on Nueces Street. "I'm not saying commercial is more important than residential areas, but my property value tax that I have to pay carries a little more clout."

Rob D'Amico, president of the League of Bicycling Voters, said opposition to the plan is based largely on fear, without substantial proof of concern.

"The bike boulevard would preserve access for cars at every square foot of Nueces, and even with diverters, the worst that would happen is you might have to go a block or two out of your way," D'Amico said.

The city of Austin declined to perform an economic impact analysis of the bike boulevard on the commercial area, Thomason said.

"If we can do a traffic study, somebody out there can do an economic impact study; they do them all the time," Thomason said. "But the city said no."

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Norway	9	8	6
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Russian Fed.	3	5	7
Korea	6	6	2
China	5	2	4
Sweden	5	2	4
France	2	3	6
Switzerland	6	0	3
Netherlands	4	1	2
Czech Republic	2	0	4
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Italy	1	1	3
Australia	2	1	0
Belarus	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	1	1

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MEN'S SWIMMING
BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dominant Texas claims Big 12 title

Senior Berens leads the way for Horns in Big 12 Championship win

By Manesh Upadhyaya
Daily Texan Staff

COLLEGE STATION — Just how dominant are the Longhorn men's swimming and diving teams in the Big 12?

Texas could have sat out of the final day of the Big 12 Championships on Saturday and still brought home its 14th consecutive conference title. The University even lit the Tower earlier on Saturday before the Longhorns had officially been named champions.

The No. 1 Longhorns (6-1) piled up a total of 1,086 points during the four-day meet at Texas A&M's Student Recreation Center Natatorium. Host Texas A&M took a distant second with 826 points. Missouri finished third with 740 points.

Texas' 2008 Olympian Ricky Berens was awarded the Men's Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet, and freshman Austin Surhoff bagged the Men's Outstanding Newcomer of the Meet honor.

Surhoff and Berens, among other Longhorns, qualified for the NCAA Championships held later this month in one or more events.

"Overall the team did very well. We had a lot of people step up, a lot of freshmen," Berens said. "We have had some new faces pop up and do some big things at the meet that we needed to happen."

It was all smiles for the team after Friday's round of competitions. Texas swept all events for the third night in a row, though its diving contingent's performance was not as perfect as imagined.

The home fans were out in full force, generating an electric atmosphere in College Station.

But their cheering soon died down as Texas gained win after win.

The night began with seniors Hill Taylor, Dave Walters and Berens and junior Scott Spann securing first place in the 400-medley relay with a time of 3 minutes, 8.23 seconds.

After winning the 1-meter diving competition on the opening day of the meet, sophomore diver Drew Livingston's hopes of another diving title diminished as he placed second in the



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Ricky Berens swims for Texas in the Big 12 Championships in College Station. The Horns won their 31st consecutive Big 12 title Saturday.

3-meter diving event with 425 points.

Despite a second-place finish in diving, the swim team did not let up, taking each race stroke by stroke.

The Longhorns led a one-through-four finish in a thrilling intra-squad battle for first in the 400 individual medley. Surhoff led for much of the way until the final turn, when junior Bryan Collins overtook the youngster to finish first with 3:42.86.

Collins and Surhoff gained automatic NCAA qualification in the event, swimming in the fastest and second-fastest times in the country.

The intensity continued into the 100 butterfly as five swimmers were all within a fingertip's length of each other

on the final turn, but Berens dug deep to beat the pack in 46.34 seconds.

The 100 breaststroke saw two Longhorns go neck and neck for the last 50 meters, resulting in sophomore Eric

Friedland claiming his first career Big 12 title in 53.44 while Spann settled for second in 53.56.

Junior diver Matt Cooper took top honors in platform diving with 434.6 points, commencing Saturday's final session of competitions.

Surhoff was in the spotlight once again, coming from behind to win the 200 backstroke in 1:41.72. He was trailing for most of the race but found strength in the final stretch.

Sophomore Jackson Wilcox showed plenty of endurance in the 1,650 free-

style. Despite placing first with a time of 14:55.96, the underclassman seemed displeased with his performance, removing his cap and throwing it to the ground as he exited the pool.

After winning his first conference title the previous night, Friedland set a Big 12 Championship record by winning the 200 breaststroke in 1:54.32. Freshman Nick D'Innocenzo took second in 1:55.95.

Berens added another record to his resume, setting a new meet time of 1:43.17 as he won the 200 butterfly. Fellow senior Taylor placed second in 1:45.27.

Now, the Longhorns turn their attention to the NCAA Championships.

"I've got some guys who were real good here and some guys who weren't real good here," Texas coach Eddie Reese said. "But this is the second most important thing for most of the teams here. No. 1 is NCAAAs."

"We have had some new faces pop up and do some big things ..."

— Ricky Berens
Senior swimmer

BASEBALL

GAME 1: TEXAS 6, STANFORD 0 GAME 2: TEXAS 6, STANFORD 3 GAME 3: TEXAS 8, STANFORD 2

Pitching powers Texas past Stanford in sweep

Staff combines to shut down Cardinal offense as Horns win first series

By Chris Tavarez
Daily Texan Staff

It may have taken a week longer than expected, but Texas finally got its first series win this weekend against No. 18 Stanford in a 3-0 sweep.

Taylor Jungmann started things on the right note for Texas with a 10-strikeout, seven-inning performance en route to a 6-0 series opening win for the Horns.

"Jungmann started it all off with an outstanding pitching performance, and it just went on from there," head coach Augie Garrido said. "Our pitching dominated the weekend

against a very fine team."

In the second game, Brandon Workman went for five innings, giving up two runs and registering six strikeouts. But Chance Ruffin stole the spotlight when he came in and pitched 3.2 innings of relief and gave up only one hit, earning four strikeouts for his first save of the season. The 6-3 win guaranteed Texas' first series win of the season.

Austin Dicharry took the mound Sunday for the series finale, but the win went to Cole Green, who earned his first win of the season Tuesday against Dallas Baptist. Green came in during the fifth and pitched five innings of perfect baseball, facing the minimum 15 batters and striking out



Maxx Scholten | Daily Texan Staff

Junior outfielder Kevin Keyes hits a grand slam in Friday's 6-0 win over Stanford. The Longhorns swept the three-game series.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEXAS A&M 74, TEXAS 58

Brown hurt as Texas is 'embarrassed' by rival Aggies

Texas players crowd around J'Covan Brown after the freshman was hurt late in the 74-58 loss Saturday night against A&M.



Bobby Longoria
Daily Texan Staff

By Laken Litman
Daily Texan Staff

COLLEGE STATION — With about two minutes until tip off, Texas forward Damion James walked over to Texas A&M's student section and ripped up a "Beat TU" sign. He was relishing in the Aggies' rowdy atmosphere, smiling and hooking his horns while warming up with a confident swagger.

Two hours later with just more than two minutes remaining in the game, the Longhorns

were down 74-58 while James got his fifth personal foul. A record crowd of 13,717 at Reed Arena chanted, "Left-right-left-right," as they watched James walk to the Texas bench.

Then, as he was about to take a seat, the fans yelled "Sit down" in unison.

James' face had said it all. Texas' all-time leading rebounder scored just 12 points and got only one rebound in

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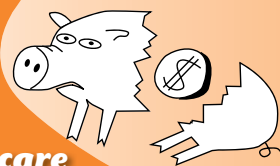
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SWEEP: Keyes hits grand slam, sets early tone

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six of them to give Texas an 8-2 win and the series sweep. That strong pitching was bolstered by an impressive series on the other side of the plate, too. “We did well on offense,” Garrido said. “We had a lot of different guys step up at different times throughout the weekend and drive in runs.” Kevin Keyes set the tone offensively in the first game of the series in the bottom of the fifth. Tant Shepherd started the inning with a single to left and then was advanced to second by Brandon Loy’s sacrifice bunt. Cameron Rupp was hit by a pitch, and a pass ball advanced both runners into scoring position when Russell Moldenhauer was walked to load the bases for Keyes.

With a 1-0 count, Keyes teed off on a curve ball to launch a grand slam over the right field wall to give Texas a 5-0 lead. “[Stanford pitcher Jordan Pries] was throwing a lot of second pitch breaking balls, so we were sitting on it,” Keyes said. “I thought it was going to maybe hit the wall. I guess it kept going, it got higher and higher, so it felt good.”

Texas got off to another quick start Saturday in front of a season-high crowd of 7,151. Shepherd had his first home run of the season in Texas’ first at bat. Shepherd, who replaced Loy as the leadoff hitter, seemed to thrive in his new role, with a two-for-two outing with two runs and two RBI. “[Shepherd] has a really good eye, and he runs really well,” Garrido said. “Loy has been struggling, and I thought it would give him more confidence if I put him in the two hole.”

With a three-run lead, Loy stepped up to bat with Jordan Etier and Shepherd on base and two outs on the board when he launched a two-RBI, stand-up double down the left-field line. In the final game of the weekend, Russell Moldenhauer relived his glory days from the College World Series last year, where he had four home runs. A 1-0 count launched a two-run bomb off a fastball over the left field fence to give Texas an early 3-0 lead. Twenty runs on 21 hits and three home runs in three games at UFCU Disch-Falk Field is a welcome change for a team known for its conservative play with sacrifice bunts. “We’d probably have 20 home runs if our field wasn’t the biggest college field in the nation,” Moldenhauer joked. “Everybody’s seeing the ball well and frustrating the pitchers.”

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
OKLAHOMA 75, TEXAS 60

Texas offense continues struggles in OU loss

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Staff

Four consecutive point-blank shots refused to fall, stalling the Longhorns’ comeback attempt in Saturday’s 75-60 loss to Oklahoma. Other than a 10-0 run in an attempt to narrow a Sooner 26-point lead, the Longhorns were quiet from the field and could only watch as one opposing player took control. The Sooners, behind a 28-point performance from Nyeshia Stevenson, completely dominated the Longhorns to avenge their loss four weeks ago, when Texas stormed Norman. “It was the antithesis of the game in Norman against these guys,” Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said.

Texas head coach Gail Goesteniors could not agree more. “In Norman we were the aggressor, very confident with our attacking and played with great effort and emotion,” Goesteniors said. “I would have to say the exact opposite happened tonight. We didn’t adjust, and I don’t feel like we played with great focus.” Trailing by 10 at halftime, the Longhorns came out of the gate slowly as Oklahoma opened the second half with 10 unan-

swered points. “Even though we were down 10 I felt like we were going to come out and make a run,” Goesteniors said. “But we came out flat and turned it over four straight times, and they were off to the races.” The lack of energy resulted

“I just needed some energy. The starters weren’t focused.”
— Gail Goesteniors
Head coach

in Goesteniors quickly making mass subs as she emptied the bench, hoping that her backups would want it more. “I just needed some energy. The starters weren’t focused,” Goesteniors said. “I’m not going to let people play that don’t have the right energy in the game.” Once in the game, the subs did not add much to the Longhorns’ woes. Every time it ap-

peared that Texas would start to make a comeback, the Sooners would respond right away and quiet the Longhorn crowd. The loss is the Longhorns’ season-high third straight, and it comes just two games before the start of the Big 12 tournament. “We’ve taken two losses, but we need to put that behind us now and push on,” Goesteniors said. “The next ones are just as crucial, and we intend on coming out ready to earn them.” The Longhorns’ shooting will have to improve as eight of their nine losses occurred when the team shot under 40 percent from the field. In the first 30 minutes of the game, the Longhorns could not hit a 3-pointer. They missed their first 11 attempts from beyond the arc until junior Kat Nash connected with 10 minutes remaining, almost triggering a comeback. The Longhorns went on a 10-0 run of their own,



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Ashleigh Fontenette fights through the Oklahoma defense as Texas falls to the Sooners 75-60 at home Saturday.

which was led by defense. “We did the hard part by playing good defense, getting the tip and getting the steal, but we didn’t finish the play,” Goesteniors said. “To me its determination — thinking ‘I will not be denied’ — and we didn’t do that.” An attitude change will need to come soon, as the Longhorns wrap up their season with senior night on Wednesday against Missouri, followed by the regular season finale Sunday at Baylor.

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Last Answer: Railroad

MEN'S TRACK

Horns finish sixth in Big 12 Championships

By Jim Pagels
Daily Texan Staff

It's unusual to call the four-time defending champions underdogs, but that's just what the Longhorns were this weekend at the Big 12 Indoor Championships.

After dominating the indoor season for the past four years, the Longhorns lost a lot of their key contributors and came into the season ranked outside of the top 50. Although they proved that they belonged in the title hunt as the season progressed, this was not enough to overcome the stiff Big 12 competition.

"I hate to use the term 'rebuilding' because we've been very competitive all year," coach Bubba Thornton said. "But there are certainly plenty of [freshmen] that are scoring points for our team."

The No. 29 Longhorns finished a disappointing sixth at the meet in Ames, Iowa, scoring 71 points.

After standing in third place after day one of the meet, the Longhorns advanced five athletes to Saturday's finals, but fell back on day two.

No. 12 Oklahoma won the championship with 114 points, followed by No. 8 Nebraska (110) and No. 1 Texas A&M (99.5). Baylor (80) and Texas Tech (74.5) rounded out the top five.

"I really feel that we left 20-30 points out there that we could have won," Thornton said.

While the team did not defend its overall title Saturday, sophomore Patrick Todd won his second consecutive 1,000-meter title, beating Baylor's Chris Gowell by 0.33 seconds.



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff
Jacob Thormaehlen finished a disappointing fifth place in the shot put as Texas got sixth in the Big 12 Championships on Saturday.

LOSS: Texas has no answers as postseason play nears

WHAT: Oklahoma at Texas
WHERE: Frank Erwin Center
WHEN: Monday, 8 p.m.
ON AIR: ESPN

utes left in the game, Holmes and Texas point guard J'Covan Brown collided and fell to the hardwood underneath the A&M basket. The two were motionless on the floor for a few seconds before both schools' medical staffs rushed the court.

Holmes was eventually helped off the court by two teammates, and the A&M medical staff later said he sprained his foot.

Brown, however, remained on the floor. His teammates, father, sister and Texas medical staff gathered around him until a stretcher was brought into the arena to take him into the training room.

According to a statement released by Texas athletic trainer Eric Fry, Brown suffered a neck strain. His status is currently listed as day-to-day.

Texas returns to action tonight against Oklahoma, looking for a spark to get its season back on track.

"We're better than what we're playing," Barnes said. "I told them after the game, I just want to see them prove they have some fight in them. I've seen teams flip a switch. I've had teams that had to do it. It's going to take one guy, two guys. We still feel we can be what we can be. But we've talked about it a long time, and it's time to start doing it."

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This one time when I was five

This one time when I was five

Rachel with

Jon, we need to talk. I've decided to go solo as an artist.

ummm

yeah

So, like, this doesn't really call for break-up sex, do-

No.

Well that sucks.

Sorry.

Right.

by Jonathan Barceló-Fríguez and Rachel Weiss

SERIOUS BUSINESS 25 by Brianne Klitgaard

WOW. WE'RE GOING TO KIDNAP BEVO.

THERE'S NO GOING BACK AFTER THIS.

THIS GUY YOU'RE TRYING TO SAVE... HE MUST BE REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU... IS HE YOUR BROTHER?

HA, NO...

BOYFRIEND?

I WISH! FRIEND?

I DON'T THINK HE'D GO THAT FAR...

UH... BRIEF ACQUAINTANCE WITH DREAMY EYES?

THE DREAMIEST EYES!

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Better than Average By: Jermaine Affonso

OH MAN, I'M FLOATING!!

I'M IN THE SKY !!!

JJA '10

NIGHT TALES: ELYSE IN NIGHTMARE TOWN By Sammy

You baffoons let her escape? You're all completely useless!

Excuse me.

WHAT! Can't you see I'm-?

You're majesty!!!

You'll pay for this, you vile-

TRIP!

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but in the end...

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which, you know...

...sucks.

but, i mean, you know.

PSYCHOBEVO by Nam Nguyen

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The New York Times Crossword Edited by Will Shortz No. 0125

Across

1 Placed on a wall, as a picture

5 "It is ___ told by an idiot ...": Macbeth

10 Went in haste

14 Butterlike spread

15 [See grid]

16 High-protein food often found in vegetarian cuisine

17 Lollapalooza

18 Make up for, as sins

19 Duos

20 The "P" in P.T.A.

22 Wrigley Field or Camden Yards

24 Facts and figures

26 Envision

27 "The racer's edge"

30 Boulder's home: Abbr.

32 Took for a trial

37 In the poorest of taste, as a novel

40 Nozzle connector

41 Exactly what's expected

44 Sir ___ Guinness

45 Device that measures gas properties

46 Ankle-related

49 Classical opera redone by Elton John

50 180° from NNW

51 ___ cit. (in the place cited)

53 "Deadly" septet

55 Geometric curve

60 Cinco de Mayo party

64 "Washingtons"

65 "Thank you, Henri"

67 Tex's sidekick

68 Luau instruments, for short

69 [See grid]

70 Having length and width only, briefly

71 Vessel in "Cast Away"

72 Creation that's almost human

73 Concorde fleet

Down

1 Hula ___

2 Radius's neighbor

3 ___-do-well

4 Like an unfortunate torero

5 Slaughterhouse

6 Onesie wearer

7 Lots

8 Singer Home and actress Olin

9 Shoelace hole

10 Internet address opener

11 Early state in presidential campaigns

12 Get an ___ effort

13 Dawn's opposite

21 Cheese-covered chip

25 Stan of Marvel Comics

25 Prince Valiant's wife

27 March 17 honoree, for short

28 Syllables in a gay refrain

29 Gadget for someone on K.P. duty

31 Milo of "Ulysses"

33 Elisabeth of "Leaving Las Vegas"

34 Legal wrongs

35 Mountain road features

36 Plow manufacturer

38 Certain NCOs

39 Actresses Garr and Hatcher

42 Systematized, as laws

43 Resident on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula

47 Tirana's land: Abbr.

48 Appeared on the horizon

52 Easy to understand

54 Back-to-school mos.

55 Preside over the tea ceremony

56 Paul who wrote "My Way"

57 Snorkeling site

58 Kind of prof. or D.A.

59 Ship in search of the Golden Fleece

61 Old sayings

62 Harness race gait

63 Comments further

66 151, in old Rome

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Nebsa Harmon shows African-American Heritage Festival attendees how to wrap a traditional head scarf at Huston-Tillotson University.



Rene Huynh
Daily Texan Staff

WE RISE

A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

For nearly a century, February has marked a time to celebrate black history. Influential leaders such as Frederick Douglass, George Washington Carver and Martin Luther King Jr. are given special recognition through a variety of public events. These photographs represent a small slice of the ways in which black history was celebrated in Austin this February. From festivals and classes to the Miss Black Central Texas pageant, these events reveal a celebration of heritage and a community-wide focus on developing young black women and men into leaders of tomorrow.

Right, Tonya Pennie and Lexy Schooley participate in the African Dance classes of Austin at the Khabele Dance Studio. The class learned traditional West African dances from Mohamed Diaby, a dance instructor from Guinea, and had live drumming. Below, Ballet Afrique celebrates culture and the experiences of the African Diaspora through cultural dance mixed with hip-hop styling. China Smith, founding director of Ballet Afrique, strives to ignite the black professional dance movement year-round.



Katherine Medlin | Daily Texan Staff



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Top, Briana Edmonds, winner of "Young Miss" division of the Miss Black Central Texas beauty pageant, waits with other contestants before the evening gown segment. The pageant, founded by Patrice Nelson, serves to create positive role models and build leadership skills for young black women in the Central Texas community. Above, Quincy Quinlan closes his eyes during a prayer at a gathering in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Capitol this year.



Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

ATSD superintendent, Meria Carstarphen, and Huston Tillotson University President, Larry L. Earvin, wait back stage to speak in a panel discussion over critical issues in the black community. The dialogue featured community leaders discussing leadership and progress in the black community.

MOORE: Artist says cafe’s closing is a public ‘loss’

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get out of work around five and just ride my bike through downtown singing, watching the sunset reflect off that big building and ride home to my place in Travis Heights. Musically, Austin’s just exploded and grown.

DT: I hear your parents were very “bohemian” — could you elaborate?

AM: I was raised in Hawaii. We moved out into an old cane field worker’s house, no electricity. My father was an artist, less boheme but more beat. No television, but we had a stereo, so my soundtrack was everything — from Billie Holiday to Frank Sinatra to the Rolling Stones to the Beatles — so that’s all in my memory banks from my childhood. And my older brother was a jazz player, he played the sax, and he’d want to play Charlie Parker or Miles Davis, and I would always want to play, like, Pat Benatar. [laughs]

DT: What’s the word on a new album?

AM: I’ve been writing a record ... It’s going to be beautiful. Kind of exploring with no real agenda, but I’m definitely getting some songs whipped up. I’ve been going to Nashville — I’ve got a bunch of friends there — and I’ve been writing a lot with Nashville writers. I’ve been working with Jay Joyce, who produced [Patty Griffin’s] *Flaming Red*, and he’s just a wonderful artist.

DT: Are you still friends with [your old band] Poi Dog Pondering?

AM: Oh yes, very good friends. I remember when we came together and drove up on campus and played at the Cactus Cafe, our wonderful friend [Cactus Cafe manager Griff Luneburg] invited us there, and there was this explosion of talent in the community at the time.

DT: I take it you’ve heard about the Cactus Cafe being shut down or repurposed?

AM: It’s a tremendous loss to the community, to the arts, to the songwriters. It’s just a wonderful room.

DT: What would be your dream collaboration?

AM: Just depends on what I’m listening to. Duke Ellington? The Band? To be in “The Last Waltz” with The Band.

DT: What album or song have you listened to the most in the last month?

AM: [singing Alicia Keys’ part in “Empire State of Mind”] “New York, concrete jungle where dreams are made of, there’s nothing you can’t do, New York.” I just love that hook. But actually — Maxwell. The last one that just came out [*BLACKsummer’sNight*].

DT: Favorite place to eat in Austin?

AM: Eddie V’s. I love it. It’s bucks, but man, it’s good. I just love the fried shrimp dish. And for dessert they have this Godiva brownie. Mmm.

DT: How would you describe your perfect sandwich?

AM: A really great whole-wheat bread, some Swiss cheese. Gosh, and a lot of mayonnaise ... Let’s make this a veggie burger. Mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, the whole bit.

DT: You’re a vegetarian?

AM: No. [laughs]

DT: What’s your usual coffee shop order?

AM: Actually, I don’t drink coffee, so I don’t frequent the coffee shops. But I’ll just say it: hot chocolate. I learned in college, I used to love coffee. I ate coffee ice cream and drank Irish Baileys and sucked on coffee candy. I just don’t like migraines, so I’m like, “No caffeine for me.”

DT: How would you describe your perfect day in Austin?

AM: A three-hour massage and a whole spa day. And just a romp with my dog at the park. Just takin’ my babies to the park and having a blast. Going to dinner at Eddie V’s and going to listen to Tony Campise at the Elephant Room.

Shops offer fine dining for less dough

By Layne Lynch
Daily Texan Staff

The next two weeks are New Year’s, Thanksgiving and all other food-related holidays combined for local foodies as Sunday marked the beginning of Austin Restaurant Week.

Founded in 2008, Austin Restaurant Week is a biannual, two-week event during which more than 60 Austin restaurants serve their famous gourmet dishes at a fraction of their normal, often expensive, prices.

This spring, Austin Restaurant Week takes place Feb. 28 through March 3 and March 7 through March 10.

The best part of the entire event is the access Austin locals will have to the typically more expensive restaurants around town.

Participating restaurants will serve a three-course menu ranging from \$25 to \$35, and a handful will serve a lunch menu for \$10 to \$15.

“It has been difficult for me to go to college and have so many expenses to account for before I go out to eat at a nice restaurant week. It’s a shame more students don’t take advantage of it,” Austin



Smoked salmon with toasted baguette slices are one of the three appetizers offered on the Roaring Fork’s Austin Restaurant Week menu.

Bruno Morlan
Daily Texan Staff

resident Elizabeth Castellán said. “I’d start making your reservations now.”

Don’t be worried if you don’t recognize any of the restaurants participating in the event. Favorites such as Bess Bistro, The County Line, Driskill Grill, Roaring Fork and Perla’s will be some of the many restaurants hosting restaurant week. The local Tex-Mex fa-

vorite on 24th Street, Cuatro’s, is also participating.

This season’s event is benefiting Austin’s Sustainable Food Center.

The center is a local charity that works with the community to aid Austin’s access to local, nutritious and affordable food. Developing relationships with local farmers, conduct-

ing cooking classes and teaching nutrition, the charity seeks to keep members of the Austin community healthy.

“We chose to participate in the event because it is such a unique local charity,” said Charles Bloemsma of Green Pastures Restaurant. “It gives us the chance to showcase our food but also give back to the community.”

GLBT: Hurdles remain in gaining equality

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As he and his partner Aaron Toler enjoyed a night out at local gay bar Oilcan Harry’s. Sandler said he’s never experienced any hatred or mistrust toward the gay community in the city.

“It’s like you can come as you are and no one cares,” Toler said.

Larry Odenbach, a 47-year-old software developer, said he meets with an online group called Guerilla Gay Bar, a group of gay men who meet to “take over” straight bars. The group doesn’t try to make anyone uncomfortable but just tries to have new experiences, he said.

The last location was Common Interest Bar on Burnet Road.

“Right off the bat we really un-

derstood that we were there and it was all cool — they accepted us,” he said.

But members of Austin’s gay community say challenges remain. Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman in 2005. Civil unions are far from being legalized, and one of the city’s biggest employers, UT, does not offer benefits for same sex partners.

Karen Thompson, a pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, a gay-friendly church that houses about 400 members of the congregation each week, said while Austin might be the most progressive city in the state on gay issues, it should not rest on its laurels.

“I do agree that if you’re going

to live in Texas, you want to live in Austin,” Thompson said. “I don’t want us to achieve a label like that and say the work is done here.”

The lack of benefits for partners of same-sex employees at many businesses is one of the biggest issues, she said. The other is finding a location where same-sex couples can be out and feel completely comfortable. That problem arises because there isn’t a recognized gay neighborhood in Austin, she said.

“It would be very nice to be out and open and totally accepted in your neighborhood and not have to worry about your neighbor’s reactions and that kind of thing,” she said. “At the same time, I’m not advocating that kind of segregation.”

But gay men and women may share different experiences based on their ethnic or economic background, said Rose Pullim, co-director of the Austin Latina Latino Lesbian and Gay Organization.

“I’m not sure that people of color, that transgendered-folk find it to be as welcoming sometimes as gay men of a certain socioeconomic status,” Pullim said.

She said the attack on two gay men outside of City Hall last weekend, which police are investigating as a possible hate crime, shows Austin has a way to go in levels of tolerance.

“Austin prides itself on being quite liberal, but liberal doesn’t always translate itself into being a place where equality is really paramount,” she said.

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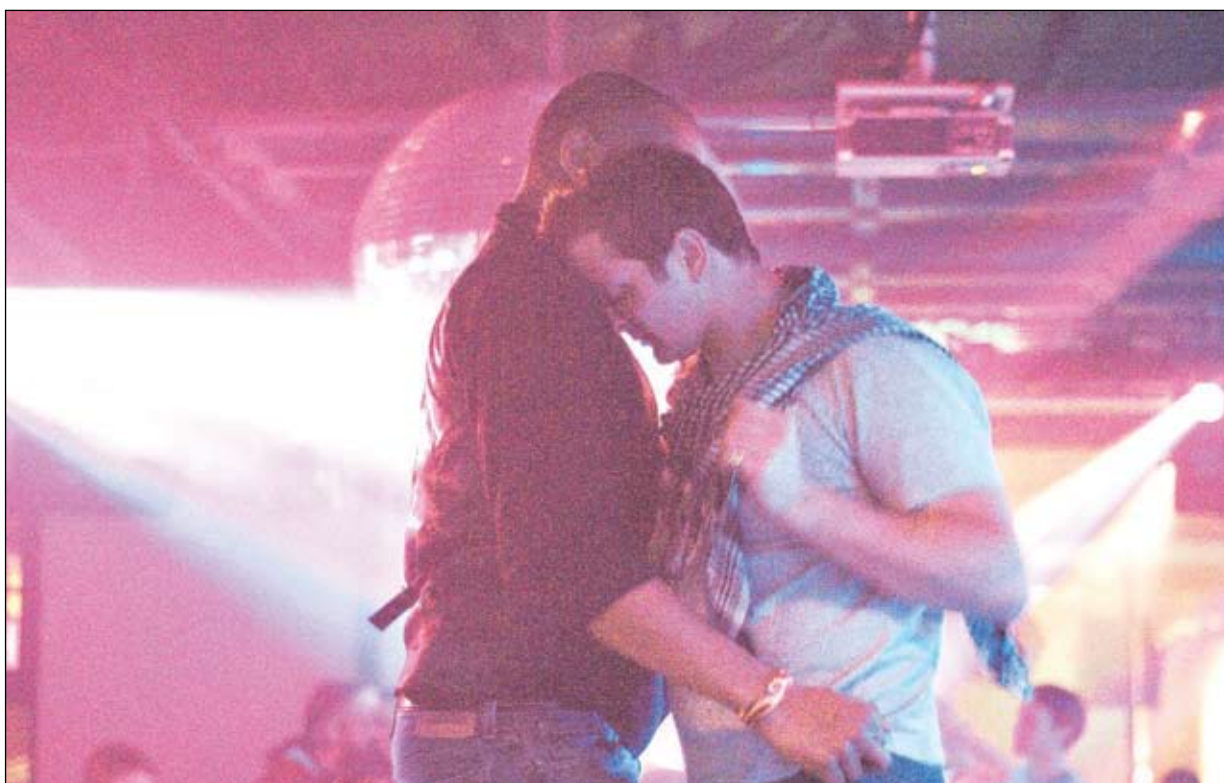
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City one of the most gay-friendly

Community's openness attracts GLBT visitors, national recognition

By Andrew Kreighbaum
Daily Texan Staff

Steve Wagoner, a 32-year-old actor and Fourth Street patron, said he has lived in Austin for five years and never experienced the same level of openness in any other city he's visited.

"In Austin, you can always be yourself, and that's what people love about it," Wagoner said. "We're not fighting to be who we are. It's just kind of like a given."

The city has received more national recognition for its openness to the gay community. In February, The Advocate magazine listed Austin among the 15 gayest cities in the country, beat-

ing out iconic locales such as San Francisco and New York.

There are at least eight gay bars in Austin, four bookstores serving the GLBT community and several churches listed as "gay friendly." In 2006, Austin became the first city in the state to offer benefits to the same-sex partners of city employees, and in 2008, Randi Shade became the first openly gay member of Austin's City Council.

Often viewed as an island of blue in an otherwise conservative Central Texas, Austin would seem to be a good candidate for the "gayest" city in the state. Several leaders in the gay community welcomed the attention as a sign of the city's growing openness, but others said such rankings are relative and Austin, like most cities, has its flaws.

Chad Peevy, president of the Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, said the recognition just puts the spotlight on the successes the city has achieved so far.

"I'd like us to be a little gayer, but we've done a really good job as a community in supporting gay businesses and gay-owned businesses," Peevy said.

He pointed out that one unique aspect of Austin's gay culture is that it doesn't really have a central hub for the GLBT community, like Turtle Creek in Dallas or the Castro in San Francisco. He said there is an upside and a downside to the dispersion of the community.

"If you're gay or lesbian you can sit next to your neighbors and not have to worry," Peevy said. "[But] for me as a community leader it's very hard to get a

message to a community."

He said the chamber thinks about 10 percent of Austin is gay, but that the community becomes more concentrated in the downtown area at about 30 percent. And there are several gay organizations, such as a softball league that plays on Sundays and Capital City Front Runners, a GLBT running group that meets near Lady Bird Lake.

But perhaps the most visible aspect of the gay scene in Austin is the string of bars downtown on Fourth Street.

Zach Sandler, a flight attendant for Delta Airlines, says he's probably visited Austin 10 to 15 times.

"I love to come to Austin because the culture is different from the rest of Texas," he said.

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Local folk singer praises Austin's 'familiar energy'

MUSIC MONDAY
By Francisco Marin

Folk singer and songwriter Abra Moore has made quite a name for herself during her 15 years living in and out of Austin. The local music icon has been making poppy, almost ethereally beautiful tunes and is currently hard at work prepping a new album.

My first exposure to Austin's soft-spoken chanteuse was in 2006, when I first watched Richard Linklater's 1991 cult film "Slacker," itching to find out a little more about the unique culture and idiosyncrasies of Austin. Moore played a demure patron in a bookshop who listens to a conspiracy theorist spout off a list of his favorite JFK assassination books and ruminations. It hadn't occurred to me that Moore, just 20 years old at the time of filming, would later go on to be nominated for a

Grammy for her Billboard hit "Four Leaf Clover" and make music for several major cinematic soundtracks, including 1999's "Cruel Intentions."

At her home in South Austin, Moore was comfortable and unflinchingly humorous as she spoke with The Daily Texan about growing up in Hawaii with "bohemian parents"; her start at the Cactus Cafe and why she feels it's a vital part of the Austin music community; and her perfect day in a city she can now call her own.

The Daily Texan: How have you seen Austin change in the 15 or so years you've lived here?

Abra Moore: There's something about this place that feels really familiar — the energy in this sweet spot in Texas that connects me — but I love it. I've made it my home. I remember when I was a little girl, I used to ride my bike downtown from Whole Foods. I would

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Courtesy of Abra Moore

Abra Moore is a Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter based out of Austin and is currently working on a new album.

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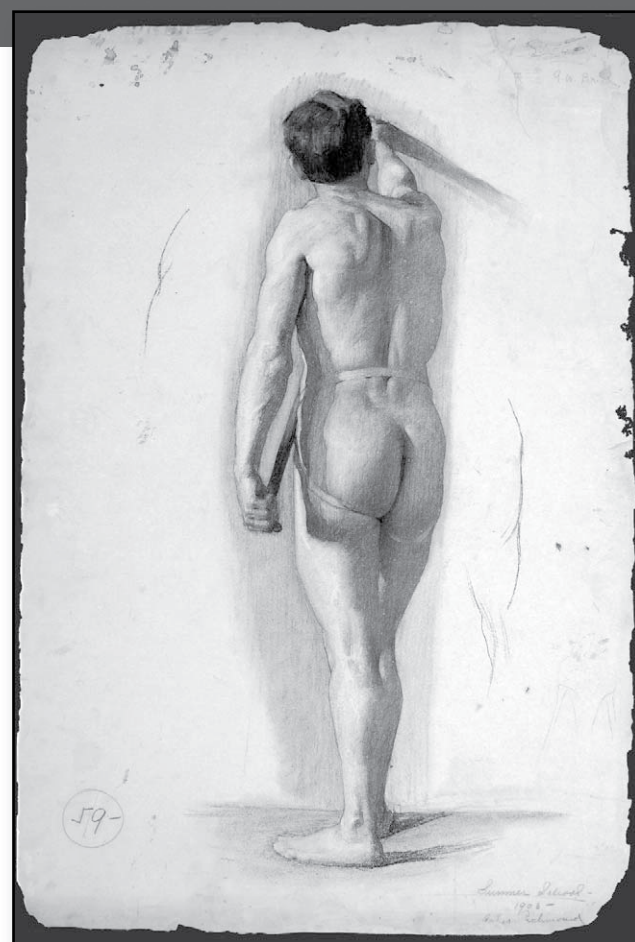
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